Projects under APDRP for Jharkhand

303. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects under APDRP sanctioned for Jharkhand and the amount of Government of India component for these schemes for the last three years; and

(b) the amount released so far and the amount utilized for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Government of India has sanctioned eight projects amounting to Rs. 444.85 crores for upgradation and strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution in Jharkhand under Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) during the last three years, out of which the APDRP component to be provided by Government of India to the extent of 50% of the sanctioned cost is Rs. 222.43 crores.

(b) The amount released by the Government of India so far is Rs. 153.87 crores out of which Jharkhand has utilized Rs. 112.49 crores so far.

Mining of coal by NTPC

304. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that NTPC has decided to start mining of coal to meet its thermal requirements across the country;

(b) the details of coal required for NTPC for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of coal supplied to NTPC by various companies during the last three years! year-wise; and

(d) the details of coal imported by NTPC to meet its production requirement during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has been allotted one block at Pakri Barwadih in North Karanpura area of Jharkhand. NTPC has initiated action for obtaining clearances for undertaking the mining activity in this block.